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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

WASHINGTON – A District of Columbia resident was sentenced today to 27 months in prison as a result of his plea to one count of possessing child pornography, Acting Assistant Attorney General Matthew Friedrich of the Criminal Division announced.

On July 30, 2008, Malcolm Ewing, 44, appeared before U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan and pleaded guilty to a one-count information charging him with possession of child pornography. During his plea, Ewing admitted that he downloaded images of child pornography at a foreign embassy where he was employed and transported those images to his residence in the District of Columbia. Ewing further admitted that the images had been printed and that he knowingly possessed them.

The case emerged from a U.S. Postal Inspection Service investigation that targeted individuals trading child pornography through online magazines established to promote sexual relationships between adults and children. In his plea, Ewing admitted that he engaged in chats with an undercover inspector he met through one of the online magazines and offered to trade images depicting sexual abuse of children. According to plea documents, during a search of Ewing's residence, law enforcement located printed images depicting the sexual abuse of children.

In addition to his prison sentence, Ewing was ordered to serve 120 months of supervised release following his prison term.

The case arose out of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov>.

The case was prosecuted by Trial Attorney LisaMarie Freitas of the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section. The case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

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